

Summer Reading!

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*This Newsletter
will be published
and available at
select libraries.
Enjoy!*

Have you...

Have you ever wanted to read, but you just did not know what to read? Have you ever gone to the library or bookstore and felt lost within the maze of books? Do you like to read, but do not have enough time to find new, invigorating books? Do you think all books are as boring as some of the books you read in school? Is there any hope in the reading world? Is it too late to get started? Where do you begin??

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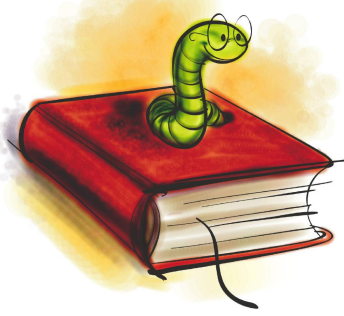
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There's Hope!

You're in luck: genres and page and let the fun begin!
this newsletter is authors and
your ticket to the events at local
world of reading. libraries. Don't
It will contain be shy; children,
information on teenagers, and
books (new and adults will enjoy
old) of different this easy-to-read
guide, so turn the

*The Face on the Milk Carton**Caroline B. Cooney*

This book is an exciting thriller about a girl named Janie. Janie found a picture of herself on a milk carton with the title, "missing" above it. She has to piece together her past and try to figure out who she is, why there is a picture of her, and who her real parents are. This book will keep you entranced, and you will want to find out who Janie is as much as she does!

*Gossip Girl**Cecily von Ziegesar*

Gossip Girl is a series about young adults living in New York City. Their lives are filled with scandal, beauty, gossip, partying, school, fights, and fun. This well loved novel will grab your attention. Step into this world to experience the life of the upper east side!

*Eragon**Christopher Paolini*

Eragon is a fabulous book about a boy named Eragon, who lives in an enchanted world filled with magical animals and powers. Follow him through his adventure starting with the discovery of a dinosaur egg, to saving the Empire from an evil king. This book will let you escape and enter into an entirely different world!

Great Beach Reads!

- *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
- *Angels & Demons* by Dan Brown
- *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult
- *Kane and Abel* by Jeffrey Archer
- *The Hardy Boys* by Franklin W. Dixon
- *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* by J. K. Rowling
- *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant
- *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank
- *The Mermaid Chair* by Sue Monk Kidd
- *The Adventures of Vin Fiz* by Clive Cussler
- *The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath

These books are classified as young adult books. Do not just rely on these summaries, though they are recommended novels by other young adults, read the back covers of the books and ask your local librarians. Enjoy!!

Fun Facts!

Christopher Paolini was only fifteen years old when he wrote Eragon.

Gossip Girl and The Face on the Milk Carton are series that continue the intriguing stories over multiple novels.

Classics

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

This is a romantic novel that takes place in early England. Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy are the main characters. Elizabeth is too proud to see Darcy's good qualities; she is blinded by her first impression of him. Darcy is too prejudiced against Elizabeth's poor social standing. Read this romantic novel, and experience it unravel!



The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

This is a romantic novel in the 20th century. Nick Carraway moves to New York City near his cousin Daisy. There he meets Jay Gatsby. The characters all intertwine, and a love story surfaces. This book is full of surprises, and one that you will never get bored of. It is a compelling novel, which will have you turning page after page. It is a great book for discussion, but you can understand it and get a lot out from it on your own. Enjoy!

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass

This is an autobiography written by Frederick Douglass himself. It is the story of his life as a slave, and his thrilling journey to freedom. His struggles, thoughts and emotions are vividly described. The book is filled with metaphors, great discussion topics, realistic events, and so much more!

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- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

- Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens

- Moby-Dick by Herman Melville

- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey

- Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

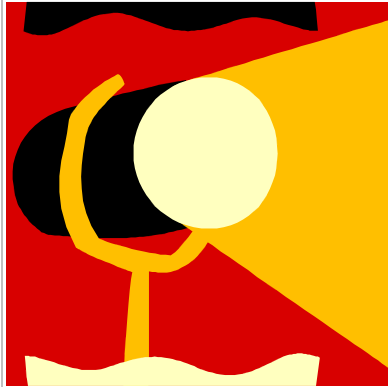
- Animal Farm by George Orwell

- Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare

- Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

- The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

Spotlight On...



Khaled Hosseini

Hosseini was born in Kabul, Afghanistan. His father was a diplomat with the Afghan Foreign Ministry and his mother taught Farsi and history at a large high school in Kabul. In 1970, the Foreign Ministry sent his family to Tehran, Iran, where his father worked for the Afghan embassy. In 1973 they returned to Kabul. In July 1973, on the night Hosseini's youngest brother was born, the Afghan king, Zahir Shah, was overthrown in a bloodless coup d'état by the king's cousin, Mohammed Daoud Khan.

In 1976, the Afghan Foreign Ministry once again relocated the Hosseini family, this time to Paris ,

France. Hosseini's family sought and were granted political asylum in the United States, and in September 1980, they moved to San Jose, California.

Because they had lost all of their property in Afghanistan, they lived on welfare and food stamps for a short while. His father took multiple jobs and managed to get his family off welfare. Hosseini graduated from high school in 1984 and enrolled at Santa Clara University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Biology in 1988. The following year, he entered the University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine, where he earned his Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree in 1993. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles in 1996. He continues to practice medicine.

Elizabeth Bishop

Elizabeth Bishop was born in 1911 in Worcester, Massachusetts. When she was very young her father died, her mother was committed to a mental asylum, and she was sent to live with her grandparents in Nova Scotia. She earned a bachelor's degree from Vassar College in 1934. She was independently wealthy, and from 1935 to 1937 she spent time traveling to France, Spain, North Africa, Ireland, and Italy and then settled in Key West, Florida, for four years.

Her poetry is filled with descriptions of her travels and the scenery which surrounded her, as with the Florida poems in her first book of verse, *North and South*, published in 1946.

She lived for many years in Brazil. She wrote slowly and published sparingly (her *Collected Poems* number barely a hundred), but the technical brilliance and formal variety of her work is astonishing. Considered for years a "poet's poet," her last book, *Geography III*, was published in 1976 and finally established her as a major force in contemporary literature.

Elizabeth Bishop was awarded the Fellowship of The Academy of American Poets in 1964 and served as a Chancellor from 1966 to 1979. She died in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1979, and her stature as a major poet continues to grow through the high regard of the poets and critics who have followed her.

"One Art" by Elizabeth Bishop

The art of losing isn't hard to master;
so many things seem filled with the intent
to be lost that their loss is no disaster.
Lose something every day. Accept the fluster
of lost door keys, the hour badly spent.
The art of losing isn't hard to master.

Then practice losing farther, losing faster:
places, and names, and where it was you meant
to travel. None of these will bring disaster.
I lost my mother's watch. And look! my last, or
next-to-last, of three loved houses went.
The art of losing isn't hard to master.
I lost two cities, lovely ones.

And, vaster,
some realms I owned, two rivers, a continent.
I miss them, but it wasn't a disaster.
--Even losing you (the joking voice, a gesture
I love) I shan't have lied. It's evident
the art of losing's not too hard to master
though it may look like (*Write it!*)
like disaster.

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What is...

The Newbery Medal

The Newbery Medal is awarded to the author of the best American children's book published the previous year. It is given by the American Library Association annually. The award is named after John Newbery, but it was proposed by Frederic G. Melcher at the meeting of the Children's Librarians' Section.

The Nobel Prize in Literature

The Nobel Prize in literature began in 1901. It is awarded to any author in any country who has created "the most outstanding work of an idealistic tendency." The prize does not usually cite individual books, but it rewards single authors.

The Pulitzer Prize was established in 1917 and 1918. It is awarded to American authors for American biography, drama, fiction, history, and poetry. There are many sub-categories under this one major award; therefore, there can be multiple winners in any year. It is a very prestigious award.

Prize-Winning Books

Newbery Medal 2006:

Criss Cross by Lynne Rae Perkins

Criss Cross is a children's book about a girl who wishes for something good to happen to her, something like she sees in a magazine. But, she realizes the loophole in her wish, and so she quickly adds the word "soon."

The Nobel Prize in Literature 2005:

The Nobel Prize in Literature 2005 was awarded to Harold Pinter. He is from the United Kingdom and writes plays; one of his plays was "The Birthday Party." He "who in his plays uncovers the precipice under everyday prattle and forces entry into oppression's closed rooms."

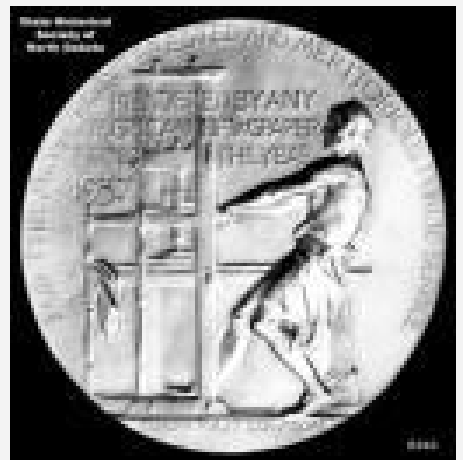
*In Journalism, the public service award went to Times-Picayune from New Orleans. The fiction award went to Geraldine Brooks for her book *March*. Another Pulitzer Prize was awarded to Claudia Emerson for her poem the "Late Wife." Many more Pulitzer Prizes were awarded for 2006 (to see a complete list go to www.pulitzer.org).*



The Newbery Medal



The Nobel Prize in Literature



The Pulitzer Prize



"All the world's a stage,
And all the men and
women merely players..."

Poetry

- "Life is Fine" by Langston Hughes
- "Sick" by Shel Silverstein
- "I'm nobody! Who are you?" by Emily Dickinson
- "Design" by Robert Frost
- "Light by which I read" by Eric Pankey
- "To You" by Walt Whitman

Graduation Poems

"Yonder deadfromtheneckup Graduate"

yonder deadfromtheneckup
graduate of a
somewhat obscure to be
sure university spends
her time looking
picturesque under

the as it happens quite
erroneous impression that
he

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~E.E. Cummings

"First Gestures"

Among the first we learn is good-
bye,
your tiny wrist between Dad's
forefinger
and thumb forced to wave bye-bye
to Mom,
whose hand sails brightly behind a
windshield.
Then it's done to make us follow:
in a crowded mall, a woman waves,
"Bye,
we're leaving," and her son stands
firm
sobbing, until at last he runs after
her,
among shoppers drifting like
sharks
who must drag their great hulks
underwater, even in sleep, or
drown.

Living, we cover vast territories;
imagine your life drawn on a

"An Instructor's Dream"

Many decades after
graduation
the students sneak back
onto
the school-grounds at night
and within the pane-lit
windows
catch me their teacher at
the desk
or blackboard cradling a
chalk:
someone has erased their
youth

~ Bill Knott

"Dreams"

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged
bird
That cannot fly.

Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.

~Langston Hughes

map-- a scribble on the town
where you grew up, each bus trip
traced between school
and home, or a clean line across
the sea
to a place you flew once. Think of
the time
and things we accumulate, all the
while growing
more conscious of losing and
leaving. Aging,
our bodies collect wrinkles and
scars
for each place the world would not
give
under our weight. Our thoughts get
laced
with strange aches, sweet as the
final chord
that hangs in a guitar's blond
torso.

Think how a particular ridge of
hills from a summer of your
childhood grows

in significance, or one hour of
light--
late afternoon, say, when thick sun
flings
the shadow of Virginia creeper
vines
across the wall of a tiny, white
room
where a girl makes love for the
first time.
Its leaves tremble like small hands
against the screen while she weeps
in the arms of her bewildered
lover.

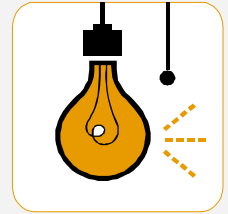
She's too young to see that as we
gather
losses, we may also grow in love;
as in passion, the body shudders
and clutches what it must release.

~Julia Kasdorf

Get Involved!

~This page of the article is an informative page. It is available for you to read, in the hope that some event or opportunity will arouse your curiosity. Your curiosity will hopefully lead you on a path that you will enjoy and pursue.

~Don't forget to ask your school librarians, local librarians, teachers, parents, peers, siblings, and others what events and opportunities you would most benefit from and enjoy. Do not forget to share this information with other people in your community!



To check out more events at your local libraries visit:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/libraries/teensite/events.asp>

Events at some Libraries

- *The Aspen Hill Library* offers:
 1. Homework Help
 2. A teen book swap
- *The Twinbrook Library* offers:
 1. Snakes Alive!
 2. Magic Show
 3. Storytellers Club
- *Kensington Park Library* offers:
 1. A Maryland Science Center
 2. A family Musical Evening
- *The Fairland Library* offers:
 1. Chess
 2. A monopoly club
 3. Children's Database Training
 4. A young adult book club
- *The Davis Library* offers:
 1. The Mystery of Magic
- *The Wheaton Library* offers:
 1. Brain Sloan
- *The Potomac Library* offers:
 1. Maryland Science Center
- *The Silver Spring Library* offers:
 1. "Clue into Reading" The summer reading kickoff

Opportunities

- If you have read an interesting book and would like to share it with us, or if you would like to read about interesting books, do not hesitate to send a poem, review, essay, etc.!
- Go to the "teensite" at Montgomerycountymd.gov

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Editor's note

I am Erica Cafritz, a high school student. I am the student representative for Friends of the Library. I try to get young adults more aware and involved in the public libraries and with reading in general. In the world of technology today, libraries are getting replaced by bookstores and virtual book websites.

I am trying to put the magic back into libraries and remind people why they are so vital to our community. A library can serve multiple purposes, which most people do not realize. The young adults are our leaders of tomorrow and need to utilize all of the resources that are available. Reading gives people

different perspectives, ideas, insights, and much more. It allows you to experience another culture, life, personality, set of feelings, and hopefully you will learn, grow, and develop. Libraries and reading are essential to our youth, and I hope that this newsletter will remind each person.

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The Friends work to increase library access for new immigrants, older adults, and other emerging populations. The Friends also promote librarianship as a career and the literary work of local authors. The Friends have bookstores in Wheaton and Rockville. If

you are interested in becoming a "friend" visit their website at <http://www.folmc.org/>

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